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CENTRAL ASIA TASK FORCE**

***CENTRAL ASIA REGION – Complex Emergency***

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*Note: This Fact Sheet updates previously released Central Asia Region Fact Sheets and Situation Reports.*

**Numbers Affected**

- According to the United Nations Office for the Coordination on Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA), 7.5 million Afghans are in urgent need of humanitarian assistance including food, shelter, health, education, and demining initiatives.

**Relief Activities**

- The World Food Program (WFP) one-time food distribution in Kabul is proceeding smoothly, with measures in place to avoid the disruptions that temporarily suspended operations one week ago. WFP is now planning to conduct similar distributions in Mazar-e-Sharif and Herat.
- The UN and the Government of Uzbekistan have agreed on a series of arrangements to facilitate the operation of relief organizations in the country and the movement of relief supplies into Afghanistan.

**Security**

- Some international NGOs have returned to Kandahar to begin providing assistance there. The UN plans to conduct security assessments in Kandahar and Jalalabad within the next ten days.
- On December 11, armed men disrupted the re-registration process that the International Organization of Migration (IOM) is conducting at Maslakh Camp. IOM is re-registering the camp population in response to concerns that local authorities have overstated the population in order to increase the amount of relief aid flowing to the area.

**Population Movements**

- UNOCHA has begun coordinating efforts to return IDPs in Kabul to their homes in the Panjshir Valley, to the northeast, and in the Shomali Plains to the northwest. UNHCR is conducting a survey of IDPs in Kabul to determine their location of origin and their willingness to return.
- Refugee returns to Afghanistan increased over the past week, although there have not been any large-scale movements yet. Between December 10 and December 17 approximately 10,000 refugees returned from Pakistan while 7,600 returned from Iran.

**Logistics**

- The relief corridor from Quetta, Pakistan, to Kandahar and the Hazarajat is now open. The first shipment of relief supplies departed on December 16.
- Several of WFP's distribution partners – the NGOs that distribute food from regional warehouses to beneficiaries – have requested that WFP postpone shipment of 12,000 metric tons (MT) of food aid from December until January. The agencies state that their capacity to store and distribute food at the end of the pipeline is nearly saturated.
- WFP has announced that it will have to dispatch an average of 4,100 MT of wheat into Afghanistan per day for the remainder of December in order to meet its goal for 2001. Shipments during the first half of December averaged 3,600 MT per day.

**U.S. Government Activities**

*Disaster Declarations & Background*

- On October 4, 2001, Assistant Secretary of State for South Asian Affairs Christina B. Rocca redeclared a complex humanitarian disaster for Afghanistan for FY 2002.
- On October 10, 2001, U.S. Chargé d'Affaires James A. Boughner declared a disaster for Tajikistan due to drought.

**FY 2002 USG Assistance to Afghanistan**

Total USAID/OFDA .....	\$62,368,587
Total USAID/FFP .....	\$40,555,000
Total USAID/OTI .....	\$1,687,820
Total State/PRM.....	\$32,260,000
Total DOD* .....	\$50,897,769
<b>TOTAL USG Humanitarian Assistance FY 2002.....</b>	<b>\$187,769,176</b>
<b>TOTAL USG Humanitarian Assistance FY 2001.....</b>	<b>\$183,107,625</b>

**TOTAL USG Humanitarian Assistance to Afghanistan FY 2001/2002 ..... \$370,876,801**

**FY 2002 USG Assistance to Tajikistan**

Total USAID/OFDA .....	\$998,180
Total USAID/FFP .....	\$20,000,000
<b>TOTAL USG Humanitarian Assistance to Tajikistan FY 2002.....</b>	<b>\$20,998,180</b>
<b>TOTAL USG Humanitarian Assistance to Tajikistan FY 2001.....</b>	<b>\$67,210,000</b>

**TOTAL USG Humanitarian Assistance to Tajikistan FY 2001/2002 ..... \$88,208,180**

**Note:** Full details of funding above are available in weekly USAID/OFDA Central Asia Region Situation Reports.

*\*Note: DOD funding totals are estimates.*

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